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I.O.O.F. Lodge #40

Ellicott City

Private

Circa 1848

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Four south rectangular entrance doors are located in its ~~two~~ central bays and in its east and west corner bay. Those in the center are wooden cross paneled rectangular entrances surmounted by three light transoms and flat granite transoms. Those in the east and west bays hold four and one lights, respectively, surmounted by two light transoms and flat stone lintels, and are probably additions to what was once two three bay wide attached stone houses.

Since 1863, officially owned by and used as the meeting place for the I.O.O.F. Lodge #40, this building holds significance historically and architecturally.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-79  
District 2  
**MAGI # 1400795404**

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC      The Lodge Building, Independent Order of Odd Fellows

AND/OR COMMON

Same, Annie's

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

8126-8132 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: IOOF LODGE

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME      Center Lodge No. 40 - Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
 Att: Charles Delosier, Grand Lodge      Telephone #: 327-2400 business  
 STREET & NUMBER      Secretary for Maryland      465-2244 home  
                                  4126-4132 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21043

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,      Hall of Records  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

— FEDERAL ☒ STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The I.O.O.F. Building is a six bay wide, two bay deep, detached, three and a half story ashlar granite, gabled roof (running east-west) building with brick chimneys set into its east and west walls. It is located on the north side of Main Street, west of John Votta's Shoe Repair Store, set into the granite rock hill which slopes upward to Emory Church on Church Road.

#### South Elevation:

Its south elevation holds four first floor entrances (They are located in the two central bays and on the east and west corner bays (See photograph). Those in the central bays are wooden cross paneled doors surmounted by three light transoms and flat granite lintels and approached by four granite steps. That door in the corner west bay holds one large light and that in the corner east bay holds four lights. Both are surmounted by two light transoms and flat granite lintels. The two first floor rectangular double hung windows holding four-over-one lights are located between the east and west corner entrances and their central counterparts being the same height and proportion as the entrances. They are decorated with flat granite lintels and projecting stone sills. Above lie six rectangular, second and third floor double-hung windows holding six-over-six lights, vertically alligned and proportionally scaled to the windows and entrances on the first floor. A large, three linked chain is placed between the second and third floors, a symbol of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A gabled roof dormer is centered into the roof line on this elevation and holds a central roman arched vent flanked by two rectangular vents acting as one unit. The building is crowned by a wooden cornice decorated with a row of guttae.

#### East Elevation:

The east elevation holds a battan wood rectangular doorway in the north bay and a rectangular, double-hung window holding six-over-six lights in the south bay. Above lie two third floor rectangular, double-hung windows holding six-over-six lights, decorated with projecting stone sills, flat stone lintels and wooden shutters. A rectangular attic window, centered into the roof line has been blocked in. Its flat stone lintel and projecting stone lintel give evidence of this fact.

#### North And West Elevations:

A cement first floor and frame second floor, shed roofed addition lies on the north wall of the building extending from the north gabled roof line and lying flush with the west wall of this stone structure which holds two third floor windows, one second floor window and two first floor windows. The latter includes a small rectangular window with six iron bars in the north bay and a large rectangular, double-hung window in the south bay.

Granite steps run along the east and west walls of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

That on the west is covered with a flat roof decorated by a gabled roof entrance pediment and supported by seven wrought iron poles acting as connectors for the wrought iron railing.

The entire first or ground floor of this building is taken up by a pottery shop. A two foot thick stone and brick retaining wall is located in the center of the building (running east-west). Behind this stone interior wall can be seen the rock foundation on which the building is built along with some connecting stone work. The shop's use of this area for additional display purposes is very effective. Ceiling joists are exposed here (3"x8"s) and the random width second floor floor boards. A pebble floor placed between foundation rocks is used on the east side and a brick floor on the west side. The sloping rock formations are used to display pottery handsomely.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) I.O.O.F. Lodge 40
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1848

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first meeting of the I.O.O.F. was held in the Ellicott City B.&O. Railroad Station. In 1863 the I.O.O.F. officially acquired this Lodge building for their meeting place. The building is certain to have been constructed before this date for on August 14, 1848 (8-139) an indenture was made to Isaiah Mercer by Robert Mickle, Trustee for Nathaniel W. Ellicott et al for the sum of \$625. The deed reads:

Robert Mickle, trustee ...doth... convey unto the said Isaiah Mercer, Sr., his heirs and assignees all and singular the pieces lots or parcels of ground which are hereafter more particularly and severally described ... as follows:.... to have and to hold the five lots or parcels of grounds and premises above described and conveyed (Lots No.141, 142,143,144).

On March 28, 1859 (20-154) lots 141,142 and part of 143 were conveyed to William H. Mercer by his brother Isaiah Mercer, Jr. David C. Hulton and his wife, the sister of William H. and Isaiah Mercer, Jr., in a property settlement. (Wills-26 November 1856-1-398)

The deed reads, "confirming the aforesaid division and of resting in him the entire estate and interest of the said parties of the first part in and to said lands and premises these presents are executed." The word premises is significant as pertaining to the present Lodge building.

On the 31st July, 1863 (22-506) William F. Mercer of Loudon County, Virginia conveyed to Center Lodge No.40 of the independent Order of Odd Fellows the parcel whose description may be seen under "Verbal Boundary Description" of Section 10 Geographical Data. In this description the stone building known as the Lodge building" is mentioned. This is in all probability the same building mentioned in the deeds of 1848 and 1859 which mention "premises." The building may date earlier though Plat 1 of George Ellicotts Land Record's book, dated 1840 indicates no such building near the Walker House. Should this be a true indication and not an omission, the building was constructed sometime between 1840 and 1848.

Architecturally the building is noteworthy as an example of the fine stone houses of Howard County constructed from its granite quarries, built into its granite slopes and featuring exceptionally fine proportions and scale, quoining, projecting stone sills and flat granite lintels. The central dormer probably dates from circa 1863 when it was officially acquired by the I.O.O.F. from Mr. Mercer. It is probable also that the frame addition was constructed at this time.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

One of the few completely detached buildings on the north side of Main Street and the oldest one in this section of the street, the I.O.O.F. building holds particular significance.

For these reasons it should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places and any future local landmark legislation.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records Room, Howard County Court House, Ellicott City, Maryland.

Interview with Mr. Charles Delosier, Grand Lodge Secretary for  
the State of Maryland, I.O.O.F. 327-2400

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .193

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A p.10 (73x115')  
22-506

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

"Beginning for the same at a stake set up on the north edge of the Baltimore and Frederick Town Turnpike at the end of a line drawn twelve feet north seventy-seven degrees West from the South-west corner of the Stone building known as the Lodge building situated on the North edge of the Baltimore and Frederick Town Turnpike road aforesaid and running thence binding on the said Turnpike Road South Seventy Seven degrees East Seventy three feet and five twelfths (cont)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY County

STATE

COUNTY

## FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Howard County Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

July 1977

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

465-5000 x 257

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

I.O.O.F Building  
Verbal Description  
Continued

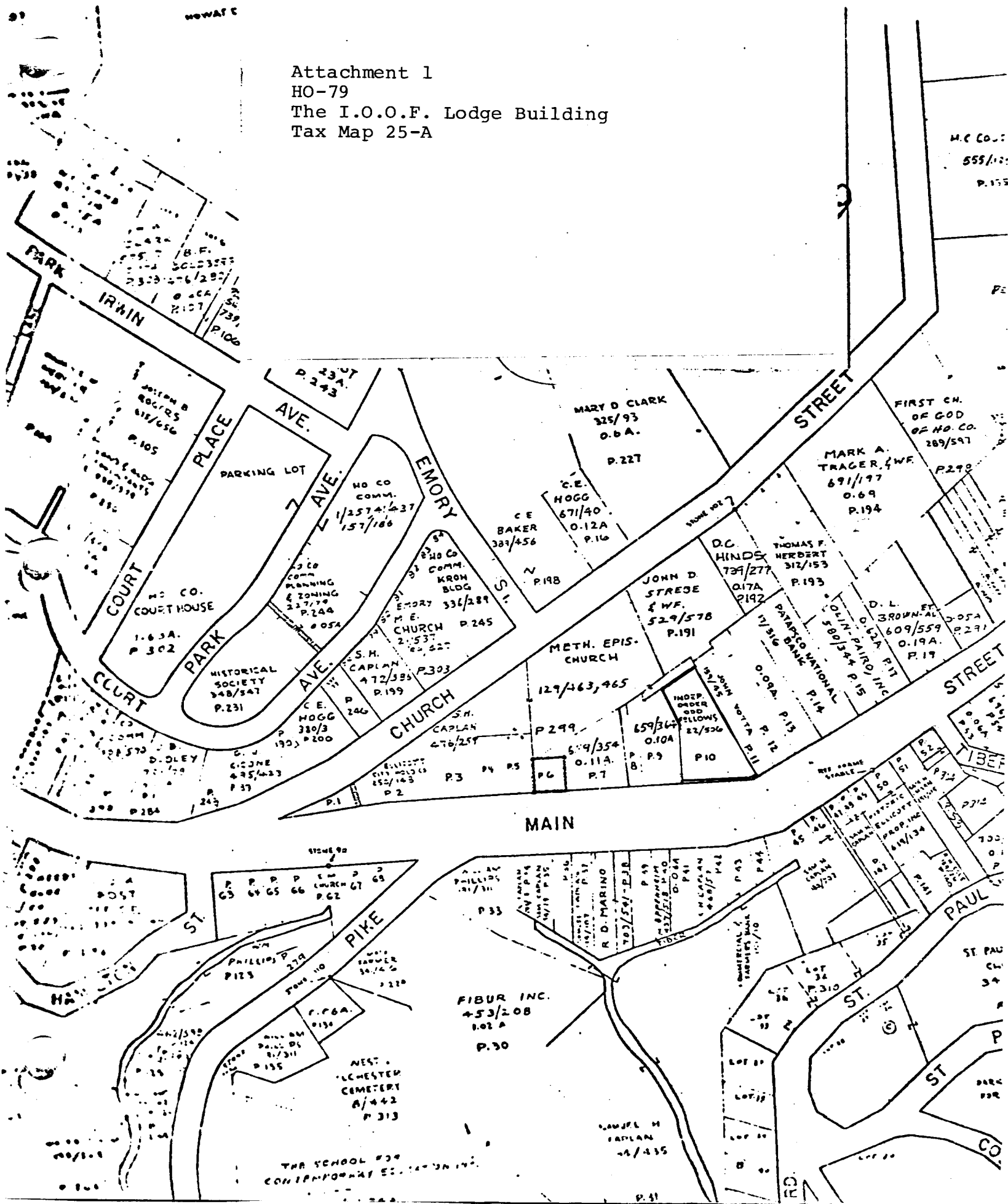
of a foot to the corner of a lot lately owned by Samuel Powell, then binding on that lot as hertofore surveyed North fifteen degrees and three quarters of a degree, West one hundred and twenty one feet more or less, to the corner of lots numbers one hundred and thirty-four, one hundred and thirty five and one hundred and forty as designated by those numbers on Ellicott's Sale plat, thence binding on lot number one hundred and thirty-five South seventy-one degrees and half of a degree, West thirty three feet then South Seven degrees East Thirty Seven feet to a line drawn North twelve degrees East from the place of beginning and then reverse of the line so drawn reversely South twelve degrees West about sixty-five feet to the place of beginning.

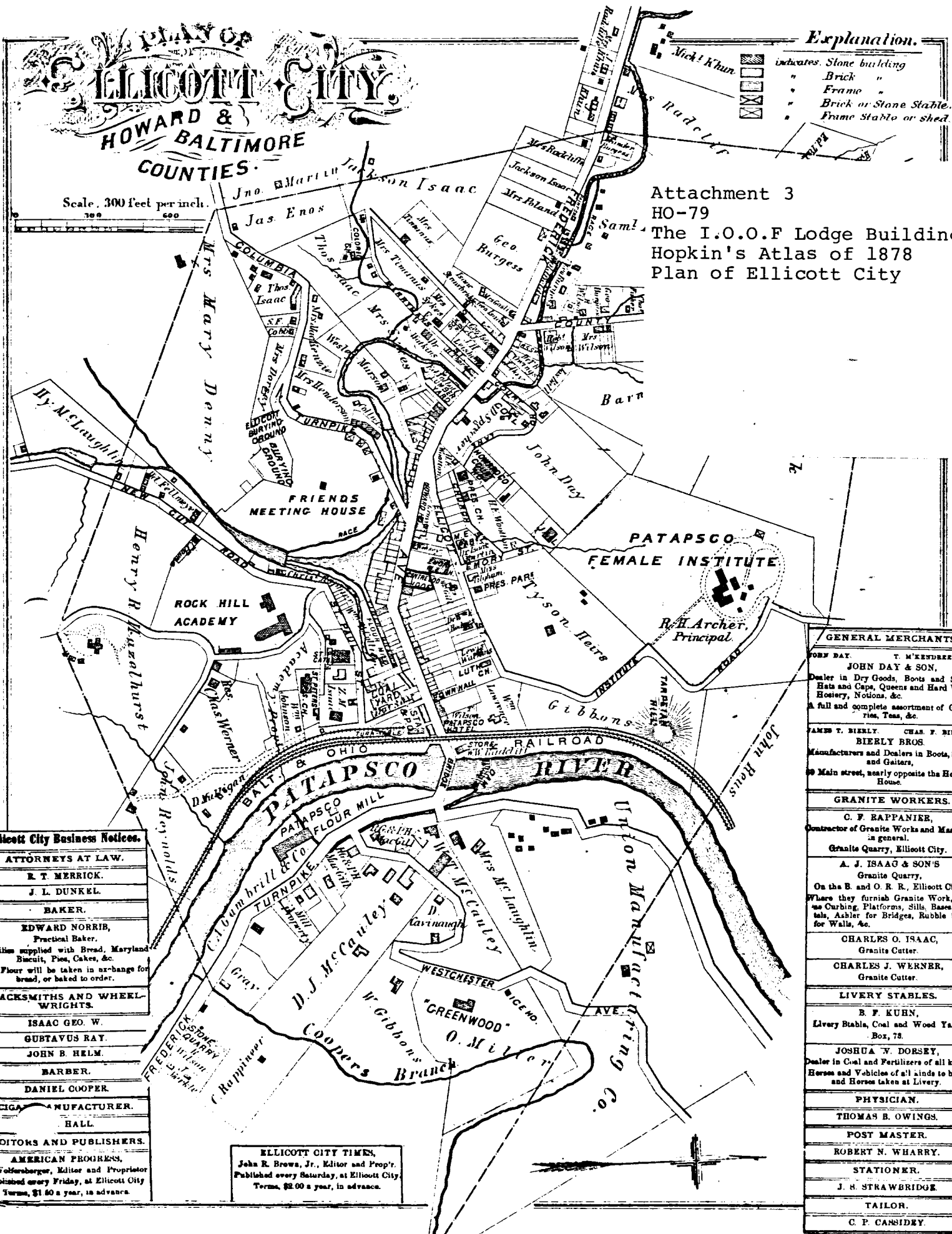


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C.F. SYBERT, JR. & WIFE  
LEWIS S. NIPPARDE & WIFE  
I.B.O.A. 477/791  
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Attachment 1  
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The I.O.O.F. Lodge Building  
Tax Map 25-A





**Explanation.**  
[Symbol] indicates Stone building  
[Symbol] " Brick "  
[Symbol] " Frame "  
[Symbol] " Brick or Stone Stable.  
[Symbol] " Frame Stable or shed.

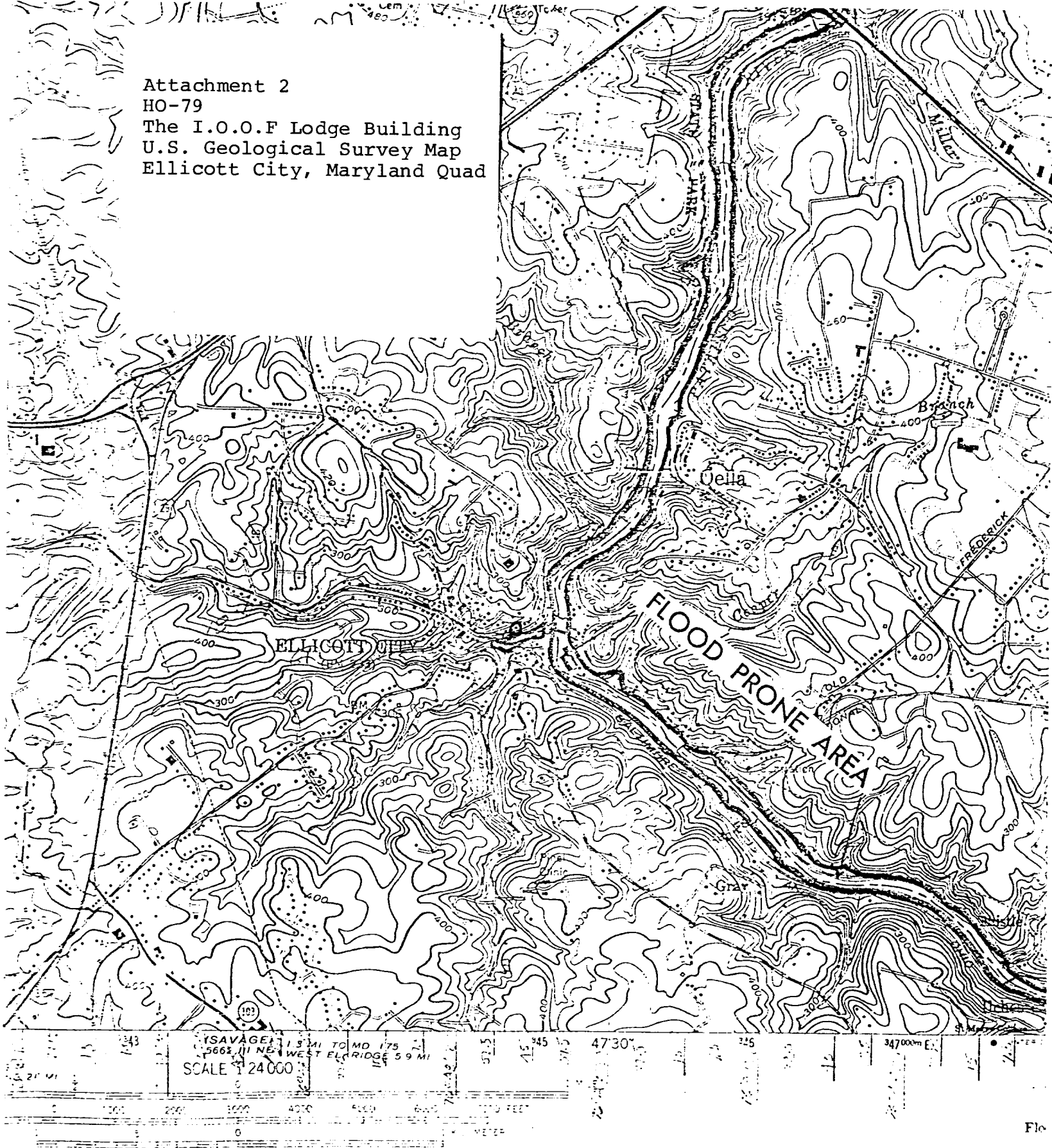
Attachment 3  
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The I.O.O.F Lodge Building  
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878  
Plan of Ellicott City

**Ellicott City Business Notices.**  
**ATTORNEYS AT LAW.**  
R. T. MERRICK.  
J. L. DUNKEL.  
**BAKER.**  
EDWARD NORRIS,  
Practical Baker.  
supplies with Bread, Maryland  
Biscuit, Pies, Cakes, &c.  
Flour will be taken in exchange for  
bread, or baked to order.  
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GUSTAVUS RAY.  
JOHN B. HELM.  
BARBER.  
DANIEL COOPER.  
**CIGAR MANUFACTURER.**  
HALL.  
**EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS.**  
AMERICAN PROGRESS,  
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Terms, \$1.50 a year, in advance.

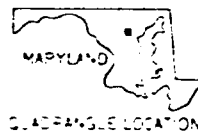
**ELlicOTT CITY TIMES.**  
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**GENERAL MERCHANTS.**  
JOHN DAY. T. M'KENDREE DAY.  
JOHN DAY & SON,  
Dealer in Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes,  
Hats and Caps, Queens and Hard Ware,  
Hosiery, Notions, &c.  
A full and complete assortment of Groce-  
ries, Teas, &c.  
JAMES T. BIERLY. CHAR. F. BIERLY.  
BIERLY BROS  
Manufacturers and Dealers in Boots, Shoes  
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Main street, nearly opposite the Howard  
House.  
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On the B. and O. R. R., Ellicott City,  
Where they furnish Granite Work, such  
as Curbing, Platforms, Sills, Bases, Lin-  
teals, Ashlar for Bridges, Rubble Stone  
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CHARLES J. WERNER,  
Granite Cutter.  
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B. F. KUHN,  
Livery Stable, Coal and Wood Yard.  
Box, 73.  
JOSHUA V. DORSEY,  
Dealer in Coal and Fertilizers of all kinds  
Horses and Vehicles of all kinds to hire,  
and Horses taken at Livery.  
**PHYSICIAN.**  
THOMAS B. OWINGS.  
**POST MASTER.**  
ROBERT N. WHARRY.  
**STATIONER.**  
J. H. STRAWBRIDGE.  
**TAILOR.**  
C. F. CANSIDY.

Attachment 2  
 HO-79  
 The I.O.O.F Lodge Building  
 U.S. Geological Survey Map  
 Ellicott City, Maryland Quad



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL





40. ~~279~~  
79

Wheeler City

336E

8/72  
K

loof building main st



HO. ~~10/10/72~~  
79

Wright City

88 10/72

Loof Building Main ST





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PLANNING CONSULTANT  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY

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